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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN COUNSELOR TO BECOME CHARGE IN HAVANA

1. DR. PETER HOHENFELLNER SHOULD BE ARRIVING HAVANA SHORTLY TO OPEN AUSTRIAN EMBASSY THERE. HE WILL SERVE AS CHARGE. HOHENFELLNER, THE SECOND-RANKING DIPLOMAT IN AUSTRIAN EMBASSY, HAS BEEN ONE OF EMBASSY BUDAPEST'S MOST HELPFUL CONTACTS IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HE IS ACTIVE, INTELLIGENT DIPLOMAT WHO, IN PART BECAUSE HE COMES FROM A NEUTRAL COUNTRY, HAS HAD SIGNIFICANT ACCESS TO MEMBER OF HUNGARIAN SOCIETY NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO OTHER WESTERN DIPLOMATS.
2. HOHENFELLNER IS A BACHELOR IN HIS EARLY FORTIES. HE HAS SERVED IN BUDAPEST 4-5 YEARS AND PRIOR TO THAT IN NORTH AFRICA. IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE GERMAN, HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH AND HUNGARIAN.
3. EMBASSY BUDAPEST RECOMMENDS HOHENFELLNER TO YOU AS A VALUABLE COLLEAGUE. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE SURE UNINT HAVANA WOULD ADVISE AND ASSIST HIM DURING HIS EARLY DAYS IN CUBA, TO THE EXTENT ITS LIMITED STAFF AND RESOURCES WOULD PERMIT.

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